

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1       1.       For a data processing system, a method for managing commerce contexts, the  
2       data processing system being associated with a direct commerce context and a  
3       temporary commerce context, the data processing system being operatively coupled  
4       to memory having a session area, said method comprising the steps of:  
5               receiving a client request associated with a commerce context parameter; and  
6               determining the commerce context associated with said commerce context  
7       parameter.
- 1       2.       The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of determining the  
2       commerce context associated with said commerce context parameter includes  
3       determining whether said commerce context parameter identifies said direct  
4       commerce context or said temporary commerce context.
- 1       3.       The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising the step of constructing  
2       the commerce context associated with said commerce context parameter.
- 1       4.       The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said commerce context parameter  
2       is included in said client request.
- 1       5.       The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said commerce context parameter  
2       is defined in the session area.
- 1       6.       The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said client request further includes  
2       a second commerce context parameter, and wherein said method further comprises  
3       the step of defining said second commerce context parameter in the session area.
- 1       7.       The method as claimed in claim 6, further comprising the step of executing  
2       said client request using said constructed commerce context.

1       8.     A computer program product having a computer readable medium tangibly  
2     embodying code for directing a data processing system to manage commerce  
3     contexts, the data processing system being associated with a direct commerce context  
4     and a temporary commerce context, the data processing system being operatively  
5     coupled to memory having a session area, said computer program product  
6     comprising:

7             code for receiving a client request associated with a commerce context  
8     parameter; and  
9             code for determining the commerce context associated with said commerce  
10    context parameter.

1       9.     The computer program product as claimed in claim 8, wherein the code for  
2     determining the commerce context associated with said commerce context parameter  
3     includes code for determining whether said commerce context parameter identifies  
4     said direct commerce context or said temporary commerce context.

1       10.    The computer program product as claimed in claim 9, further comprising code  
2     for constructing the commerce context associated with said commerce context  
3     parameter.

1       11.    The computer program product as claimed in claim 10, wherein said  
2     commerce context parameter is included in said client request.

1       12.    The computer program product as claimed in claim 10, wherein said  
2     commerce context parameter is defined in the session area.

1       13.    The computer program product as claimed in claim 11, wherein said client  
2     request further includes a second commerce context parameter, and wherein said  
3     computer program product further comprises code for defining said second commerce  
4     context parameter in the session area.

- 1      14.    The computer program product as claimed in claim 13, further comprising  
2      code for executing said client request using said constructed commerce context.

1       15.    A data processing system for managing commerce contexts, said data  
2       processing system being associated with a direct commerce context and a temporary  
3       commerce context, said data processing system being operatively coupled to memory  
4       having a session area, said data processing system comprising:

5             a module for receiving a client request associated with a commerce context  
6       parameter; and

7             a module for determining the commerce context associated with said  
8       commerce context parameter.

1       16.    The data processing system as claimed in claim 15, wherein said module for  
2       determining the commerce context associated with said commerce context parameter  
3       includes a component for determining whether said commerce context parameter  
4       identifies said direct commerce context or said temporary commerce context.

1       17.    The data processing system as claimed in claim 16, further comprising a  
2       module for constructing the commerce context associated with said commerce  
3       context parameter.

1       18.    The data processing system as claimed in claim 17, wherein said commerce  
2       context parameter is included in said client request.

1       19.    The data processing system as claimed in claim 17, wherein said commerce  
2       context parameter is defined in the session area.

1       20.    The data processing system as claimed in claim 18, wherein said client request  
2       further includes a second commerce context parameter, and wherein said data  
3       processing system further includes a component for defining said second commerce  
4       context parameter in the session area.

1       21.    The data processing system as claimed in claim 20, further comprising a  
2       component for executing said client request using said constructed commerce context.